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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is responsive to the communication mailed  
February 3, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A vacuum process apparatus for processing at least one workpiece comprising a chamber with[:]  
at least two openings defining respective opening areas [for one of treating and handling said at least one workpiece thereof]; and  
a transport device[, comprising] having  
a drive shaft rotatable around a rotational axis of said drive shaft;  
at least two conveyors [arranged at said transport device] for at least one workpiece each[, said transport device comprising], and a transport arm for each conveyor [projecting from] operatively associated with said drive shaft;  
said arms being operatively coupled to said conveyors to move said conveyors independently of each other relative to said drive shaft and to have at least a radial movement component relative to the drive shaft rotational axis via encapsulated, independent drives.